

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

September 22, 1998

Maricopa Association of Governments Office  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

\*Jim Matteson, Phoenix, Chairman  
Victor Mendez, ADOT  
\*William Bates, Avondale  
Patrice Kraus, Chandler  
\*Randy Harrel, Fountain Hills  
Tami Ryall, Gilbert  
Ken Martin, Glendale  
Doug Sanders, Goodyear  
Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park

Tom Buick, Maricopa County  
Jeff Martin, Mesa  
\*David Moody, Peoria  
\*Dick Schaner, Queen Creek  
Ken Driggs, RPTA  
Steve Hogan, Scottsdale  
\*Bill Parrish, Surprise  
Harvey Friedson, Tempe

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

Regional Bicycle Task Force: Patrick  
McDermott, Chandler  
\*Street Committee: Ron Krosting, Mesa  
Pedestrian Working Group: Steve Hancock for  
Mike Branham, Surprise

\*Intermodal Management System Working  
Group: Dave Berry, Swift Transportation  
Company  
\*Telecommunication Working Group: Debbie  
Kohn, Avondale

\* Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Anderson, MAG  
Chuck Eaton, ADOT  
John Farry, MAG  
Kathy Finn, SouthWest Gas Corp.  
Wulf Grote, Phoenix Transit  
Sarath Joshua, MAG

Terry Johnson, MAG  
Anne MacCracken, MAG  
Chris Plumb, MCDOT  
Tami Ryall, Gilbert  
Louis Tognacci, ADOT-TPG  
Paul Ward, MAG

1. Call to Order

Jim Matteson called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of July 28, 1998

Harvey Friedson commented that there was a misspelling in item four. Ken Driggs moved to approve the minutes from July 28, 1998 with the correction, Jeff Martin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Matteson asked if any members of the audience had any comments. No members of the audience responded.

4. Transportation Managers Report

Terry Johnson reported that there is a two day conference on bicycling and walking in the 21st century to be held on October 1st and 2nd. In addition there is the Valley Freight Forum on October 6, 1998. Mr. Johnson called member's attention to the new Urban Atlas produced by MAG.

Mr. Johnson reported that the final phase of the public input was held last Tuesday and thanked Tom Buick for chairing the panel. Mr. Johnson commented that the Grand Avenue Stakeholders meeting for scope of work was held last Friday. Mr. Johnson reported that the study should be advertised in a few weeks. Mr. Johnson continued to say that the scope of work includes three options for analysis with the option of adding more. The budget is \$1 million for the MIS and DCR for the two freeway exchanges. Mr. Johnson stated that the Superstition meeting for widening and lengthening will be held this Friday.

Mr. Johnson reported that a Transportation Subcommittee meeting on the early input phase, outreach process and programming guidelines will be held. John Farry clarified that members of the TRC and Regional Council will meet with various groups. Mr. Farry continued to say that these recommendation will be forwarded and developed into guidelines. Jeff Martin asked if the next Transportation Subcommittee meeting will be moved back in light of the letter from Phoenix and some unresolved issues. Mr. Martin continued to say that there are questions about whether the TRC should follow policy set in 1996 or formulate new policies. Mr. Martin asked about other issues discussed earlier by the TRC like local matches and allocations for transit.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Matteson asked if any of the members wished to speak on any of the consent agenda items. Doug Sanders said he would like to speak on item number 6, and Jeff Martin replied that he would like to speak on number 8. Jeff Martin moved to approve the consent agenda and Harvey Friedson seconded the motion with Patrice Kraus abstaining.

6. I-17 and I-10 Corridor Profile Studies

Jeff Martin asked how these corridor projects will be funded. Chuck Eaton stated that no funding has been allocated and that these studies are concepts for future projects. Patrice Kraus enquired where the

revenue estimations came from on page two for the Phoenix to Flagstaff Corridor. Louis Tognacci stated that the estimation is based on history and that ADOT doubled the expenditure to arrive at that figure. Mike Cartsonis asked about the time frame. Mr. Tognacci replied that this study is long range with a twenty year horizon and is conceptual in nature. Mr. Cartsonis commented on how road construction is related on new housing developments. Mr. Cartsonis said that these corridor improvements encourage scattered development in the valley. Mr. Cartsonis continued to say that one of the issues is road improvements in the city verses extension of freeways. Jeff Martin commented that no recent studies have been done on recently build MAG freeways. Mr. Martin gave the example of the Red Mountain Freeway. Mr. Martin continued to say that we need to do more than extend freeways and examine the problems on freeways in urban areas. Victor Mendez replied that ADOT is examining improvements to SR-51, the Superstition and the Price TI to name a few examples. Chairman Matteson asked that Mr. Mendez discuss Mr. Martin's concerns regarding the existing verses forecasted system at the in next TRC meeting. Mr. Mendez suggested that a subcommittee be formed to discuss these issues. Chairman Matteson suggested that this agenda be brought to the TRC for discussion.

7. Results of Final Phase Public Hearing on 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, 1998 Addendum to the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan and Related Conformity Analysis

Members consented the transcript of the public hearing, and responses to comments to the Regional Council.

8. Roads of Regional Significance

Doug Sanders asked if Estrella Parkway has been include as a Road of Regional Significance (RRS) and asked about the process to include that segment. Chairman Matteson replied that the Street Committee worked on adding and deleting segments in the RRS network. Mr. Sanders asked about Cotton Lane. Paul Ward stated that Cotton Lane was originally included as part of the regional freeway system. When loop 303 was dropped from the regional freeway system, Cotton Lane was not added back as a RRS segment. Chris Plumb said that Estrella Parkway was not included because it did not meet the original definition of a RRS because Estrella Parkway was not continuous. Mr. Ward stated that the TRC has reviewed the changes to the RRS and now staff is reporting on the percentage of segments likely to be implemented. Chairman Matteson stated that it appears that 2/3 of the segments are likely to be implemented. Terry Johnson commented that interpretation of implementation was left open to the jurisdictions. Chairman Matteson stated that the action requested is to forward to the Regional Council. Mr. Plumb said that he objects to either a yes or no in implementing the segments when a negative answer may mean that a jurisdiction may not implement in the near future but may still implement in the distant future. Mr. Plumb continued to say that the answer should just be likely to implemented and forget about answering no. Steve Hogan seconded the motion.

Jeff Martin said that this item may not be meaningful to the Regional Council. Chris Plumb said that this concept is important for the County because a developer is held to a design standard which is strengthened by the RRS concept. Mr. Martin asked about segments in urban areas. Patrick McDermott asked why the TRC is voting on this item. Chairman Matteson replied that members are being asked to vote on forwarding this to the Regional Council. Mr. Martin stated that he consents to accept and

transmit and Ken Driggs seconded the motion. Patrice Kraus asked if the motion includes the partial yes and forward it to the Regional Council with no comments. Doug Sanders voted no and Victor Mendez abstained.

9. Report by MAG Freeway Program Management

Eric Anderson stated that more time is need to explore the various issues of screen walls. Mr. Anderson explained that Phoenix City Council adopted a motion to erect screen walls in existing neighborhoods when a limited access facility is constructed. Victor Mendez asked who would pay for these improvements. Chairman Matteson replied that this issue is being debated. Chairman Matteson continued to say that there the appearance of fairness need to be taken into account. When a screen wall is constructed in one neighborhood and not another based upon computer projects of noise levels, people in these neighborhoods do not understand. Harvey Friedson asked how screen walls are defined and if these walls are actually noise walls. Chairman Matteson replied that the Phoenix City Council stated screen walls not noise walls. Mr. Martin asked if this item will be on the next TRC agenda. Mr. Anderson answered that the timing depends on when these issues are resolved.

10. Transportation Funding Equity Issue

Eric Anderson gave a presentation on the difference between the local and federal funding ADOT received and the amount of local and federal funds spent in the MAG region. Mr. Anderson commented that ADOT signed off on the assumptions used in the figures. Patrice Kraus asked about the update on ADOT's 20 year program. Victor Mendez stated that the 20 year program is on the back burner. Mr. Mendez continued to say that ADOT does not subscribe to the idea that every dollar generated in the region needs to be returned to the region because there are needs state-wide. Mr. Anderson commented that the problem is how transportation needs are determined and no one has explained ADOT's process of determining these needs.

Dennis Smith stated that the issue is how much money is spent in Maricopa County and how decisions are made in the County. Mr. Smith continued to say that the Feds have said that cooperation is not occurring. Jeff Martin commented that the priority at ADOT seems to be connecting urban areas and not the problems within the urban areas. Victor Mendez replied that there are projects on the Superstition, SR-87 and I-17.

11. Potential Freeway Management System Projects for Inclusion in the Freeway Life Cycle Program

Chairman Matteson asked is this item could be moved to next month.

12. Report by RPTA on Transit Issues

Wulf Grote reported that they are in the middle of the public input process. In addition Mr. Grote said that comments on the Phoenix/Glendale MIS will be accepted by September 30th. Ken Driggs thanked Paul Ward and Terry Johnson for pushing for \$14 million in transit capital.

13. HB 02565: Transit Funding Levels and Responsibilities

This was deferred until next month.

14. Next Meeting Dates

The next regularly TRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.